

I am writing concerning the NAB's petition 04-160 that limits satellite radio from giving local traffic and weather information to it's paying customers. I find this service to be far superior than anything I receive from broadcast stations. First, on XM satellite radio, I don't have to wait until a certain time to get the information. Second, the reports I receive on XM radio are more complete. Third, since I am paying for the service, I don't have to listen to three or four annoying commercials before I get the report. I switched to satellite radio because I got tired of hearing the same terrible commercials five or six times an hour. I got tired of 15 minute blocks of these commercials. XM radio gives me commercial-free music and short information spots that I never hear on broadcast radio. The NAB should respectfully mind their own business. Since I am PAYING for satellite radio, I should not have to put up with the wants and needs of organizations like NAB. If they want more listeners, than have them come up with more inovative ideas and services. This is still a free-market society, isn't it?

Respectfully  
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